

THEY ALL WANT IT.

Democratic Delegations Gathering for the Contest Friday.

Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati Striving for the Convention.

Prospects of a Sharp Struggle for the Much Coveted Prize.

An Encouraging Outlook for All and the Lake City in Particular.

The near approach of the day for the meeting of the democratic national committee has brought to this city large delegations from Chicago and St. Louis and an advance guard from Cincinnati and Baltimore, who are in telegraphic communication with their respective cities, and expect to be strongly re-enforced this afternoon. The Baltimore men returned home by an evening train, and beyond securing headquarters at the Ebbitt house, have done but little, believing, as was stated by one of their number, that Wednesday morning will be early enough for them to begin operations. They claim a strong support in both houses of congress for their city, and argue that, as there is no prospect of adjournment before the last week in August, members and senators will naturally favor Baltimore as, if the convention is held there, they will be able to attend its sessions without losing any time from their legislative duties. Col. Chas. Woolley is thus far the only prominent representative of Cincinnati who has put in an appearance. He is enthusiastic in his advocacy of the Ohio metropolis, and thinks that the only hope of the party is to locate the convention in Cincinnati, and then as a natural sequence it will follow that a Buckeye democrat would be required to head the ticket. He denounces as a weak invention of the enemy, the traditions that have been handed down regarding the paucity of hotel accommodations there, and says that a little more of the good water of the Ohio will be supplied with funds far more exhilarating and with a reliable article of distilled aqua pura for toilet use. So far as house room and the commissariat are concerned, he claims that Cincinnati will be able to furnish the convention without any trouble, and will, at the same time, agree to provide for the crowd from Illinois and Missouri single rooms on the second floor.

The delegation from St. Louis embraces Col. Ike Cook, R. T. Taney, chairman of the citizens' committee; John E. Elliott, Henry Newman, Capt. J. N. Boffinger, Col. Don Morrison, Gov. H. C. Brockmeier, Charles Gibson, John G. Priest, and others to the number of nearly sixty, who are expected to reach here this morning. The efforts of these gentlemen will be most ably seconded by Col. John G. Prather, who is a member of the national committee, and also one of the most ardent advocates of the good city of St. Louis. The St. Louis delegation is headed by Mr. Willard, to-day, and, with the aid of the entire delegation from their state in congress, will inaugurate an active campaign for the capture of the convention.

Chicago has the strongest delegation in the field (numerically speaking), thus far, and while they disavow any intention of making a hot contest it is evident to a casual observer that they will inaugurate a systematic and strong campaign for the prize. Their headquarters are located in persons S. and W. C. Willard. The delegation contains silk stockings and short hairs in about equal proportion under the leadership of Mike McDonald, the boss gambler of the city. There are twenty or thirty operators, each with a commission, at least 50 per cent, of whom are prosperous saloon keepers. There is a sprinkling of first citizens in the crowd, however. The delegation was carried from the depot in two of Knox's express wagons. Following in the rear were the following: Mike Donald, E. J. "Dutchy" Lehman, Wm. McGarrigle, John H. Colvin, John Mattocks, E. J. Geoghegan, J. H. Hildreth, M. Ryan, C. F. Doemer, W. M. Devina, M. Gaynor, E. Praeger, M. Wasserman, Jos. Donnellberger, Adam Ochs, R. M. to the P. B. Boylen, M. E. Leyden, Jos. Sokup, Wm. Harlow, James McHale, John E. Van Pelt, J. M. Daughy, A. J. Calder, George C. Klein, Hon. John H. Oberly, J. C. Mackin, Fred Morrison, G. C. Klein, G. Geoghegan, Hon. W. C. Condon, Potter Palmer, C. P. Kimball, E. Phelps, Judge Lambert Tree, Gen. Singleton, A. Seeburger, and others yet to arrive.

These gentlemen represented the Illinois democratic state central committee, the Chicago democratic central committee, the Cook county democratic central committee, the commissioners of the county board of Chicago, the Cook county commissioners, the city council of Chicago, the city treasurer and corner, the citizens' committee, the Ironsists club, and the Cook county democratic club. Mayor Carter Harrison is expected this evening, and the work will be commenced in earnest. Alderman J. H. Hildreth, who is the chairman of the city council committee, says that Chicago is prepared to offer every advantage and accommodation to the convention, and that all the trunk lines of railroads for reduced rates of fare for the round trip, and that already funds enough have been subscribed to hold the convention, and that the national committee and the convention, including the hotel bills of every delegate who may feel unable to meet the same. He claims that Chicago, with its cool summer nights, its grand boulevard of forty-two miles in length, its central location, its sanitary condition and elegant hotel accommodations, presents peculiar attractions, and that all this, taken in connection with the fact that it is the center of railroad transportation for the continent, makes it just the place to hold the convention.

Collector Spaulding, of the port of Chicago, who has been in the city for several days, called upon the delegation last evening, and arranged for them to visit the war department to-day to pay their respective secretaries. It is particularly urged by the Chicago delegation that the location of the convention in that city will have no influence whatever upon the nomination, as Chicago may very properly be termed neutral ground for all the democratic aspirants for the presidency. They also state that in the event that Chicago is not selected it will be far better to hold the convention in some eastern city, as the selection of St. Louis would give an undue advantage to the friends of Representative Morrison, while to locate it at Cincinnati, would be equivalent to turning the question of a presidential nomination over to the Standard Oil company and Senator-elect Payne.

At a late hour last night a delegation arrived from Louisville, Ky., who took quarters at the Ebbitt. The Kentuckians were provided with floor plans of halls and a long array of advantages and inducements, which they are prepared to lay before the committee, and at the same time to urge the selection of Louisville as the best point for holding the convention.

There are but few members of the national committee yet in the city, but it is expected that many of them, including Senator Barsum, will reach here this evening.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS.

Generous Aid for the Victims of the Ohio River Flood.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 18.—At a meeting of the citizens' relief committee, acting upon a report of the special committee which was sent down the Kanawha river yesterday, a resolution was passed to stop soliciting aid and contributions from the citizens for the present. Should aid be needed the people here will respond immediately, provided that the money furnished is for the permanent benefit of the sufferers, amounting to \$5,000, does not hold out. This city has already appropriated \$5,000 in supplies.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 18.—A meeting of the citizens' relief committee, acting upon a report of the special committee which was sent down the Kanawha river yesterday, a resolution was passed to stop soliciting aid and contributions from the citizens for the present.

FRONTON, Ohio, Feb. 18.—A relief boat will leave supplies here and return to Fomery boat and vicinity. Callotaburg and Fronton are still partly submerged. Fronton is fully supplied with provisions, and the relief committee is distributing supplies in the flooded country. The business portion of the town is clear, and trade is being resumed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mayor Edson to-day received subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the floods in the Ohio valley, amounting to \$1,180.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—In the house to-day a resolution was introduced appropriating \$50,000, to be expended under the governor's direction, to aid the western flood sufferers.

Cadet's Court Martial.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 18.—In the naval court martial to-day the case of Cadet McKean, charged with having Cadet C. C. Craig, was taken up. Cadet Craig testified that McKean was present when the attack was made on him, but only tried to take the skates away after he had hit Cadet McKean. Commander Sigbee, president of the naval court martial, gave Cadet Craig a stinging reprimand this afternoon. He said to him: "You are a little bit much, but you are not to be accused in your answers. This court was not organized to convict nor acquit anybody, but to get at the truth, and you owe more to the government than you do to any individual. I want your answers hereafter to be true and manly, but like all the rest of the cadets, will be whipped or maltreated and then try to shield the perpetrators."

Revolution in Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18.—Now that the election is at hand for the house of delegates the bourgeois are determined to force every revolutionary issue they can devise in order to intimidate the colored vote. To-day Judge Brooke, of the corporation court, on petition of the bourgeois, mostly lawyers, "one of which is a candidate for the legislature," ordered a special grand jury to meet to-morrow, to indict some colored men alleged by the bourgeois bluffers to have registered illegally. The bourgeois are divided on the city extension, and it is openly declared this last set of the police will be many a voter who has been heretofore with them. The board of police commissioners meet to-night to remove the remainder of the police, in order to meet the party pressure upon them.

A Slick Swindle in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—R. W. Reid, proprietor of a large confectionery establishment in this city, and Louis J. Fuller, William Reilly, and Millard Shepherd, employees of O. H. Peckham & Co., wholesale confectioners on Main street, were arrested last night on the charge of having robbed and swindled the firm. The operation consisted in furnishing Reid, who was a customer of Peckham & Co., two or three times the amount of his orders and charging him only with the amount of his orders. The surplus Reid paid for by giving Fuller, Reilly, and Shepherd more nominal sums and furnishing them with theater tickets, oyster suppers, &c. Peckham & Co. believe that they have been swindled out of from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and will attach Reid's stock.

The Kingston Wife Murderer.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Avery, who murdered his wife and attempted to kill himself, is not yet out of danger. The physicians found a hole in the windpipe, through which air passed under the skin. The woman died of internal hemorrhage from the wound in her throat inflicted by her husband. The portion of the throat in which the wound was made has been cut out, and will be used in evidence at the trial. It is expected that Avery will be brought to jail to-morrow. He is a little looking, coarse in manners, and is thought by many to be insane. He still insists that his wife attacked him first.

His Neck Broken.

READING, Pa., Feb. 18.—Frank Boyle, employed on the new Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley railroad, entered Buck Leader's saloon to-night and raised a disturbance. The proprietor forcibly ejected him, and he fell from a high step to the pavement, breaking his neck and dying instantly. Leader was arrested and held without bail to await the result of the coroner's inquest to-morrow.

His Comrade's Corpse.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 18.—Lieutenant Commanders J. E. Craig and C. M. Thomas, of the naval academy, who were classmates of Lieut. Com. De Long, and Passed Assistant Surgeon McClurg, left the naval academy to-day for New York to be present at the reception of the body of Lieut. Com. De Long and the balance of the Jeanette party.

A Northwestern Blizzard.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 18.—A special to the Tribune says: "A blizzard is raging in the vicinity of St. Vincent. The thermometer is falling rapidly, and fears are entertained of a snow blockade."

The Sharon-Hill Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The Sharon-Hill divorce case, which was set for trial to-day, has been postponed until March 25.

A Postmaster Arrested.

FARGO, D. T., Feb. 18.—Wm. E. Finch, postmaster at Ellendale, Dickey county, was arrested to-day on the charge of robbing the mail of a registered letter.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

—Jacob Diekey was killed yesterday at a gun well near Bradford, Pa.
—John B. Beahm, the manager of Blind Tom, was killed at Wilmington, Del., yesterday by a railway train.
—John Walker, convicted of the murder of Wm. Frazer at Paterson, N. J., was yesterday sentenced to twenty years in prison.
—A strike among the puddlers at the Pennsylvania Iron works is threatened, in consequence of a reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages.
—The official investigation into the steamship City of Columbus disaster, which was to have resumed yesterday, has been postponed until Wednesday, owing to the absence of Inspector Burnham and witnesses from the steamer Gloucester.
—An attempt to start the Union Mills yesterday at Fall River was a failure. The strikers intimidated the help who were at the boiler City mill, and no great consequence, and the mill is still running.

AFFAIRS ABROAD.

Yesterday's Events in the Old World as Reported by Cable.

England Rapidly Shaping the Situation in Egypt to Suit Herself.

Arrival of Fresh Regiments of British Troops at Suakin.

The People of Khartoum Hail Gen. Gordon as Their Deliverer.

PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—In the house of lords to-day the Earl of Dunraven made a motion to the effect that the removal of Lord Rosemore from his office as justice of the peace was not justified and was calculated to discourage the Irish loyalists. Baron Carlingford, lord privy seal, defended the action of the Irish executive in this matter and warned the house that a vote of censure would have a grave effect in Ireland.

The debate on Sir Stafford Northcote's motion concerning the government for their policy in Egypt was resumed in the house of commons to-day. Sir John Lubbock, liberal member for London university, spoke in opposition to the amendment introduced last Tuesday by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, radical, which provided that the house decline to express an opinion of the government's Egyptian policy.

In the debate in the house of commons this evening on Sir Stafford Northcote's motion concerning the government for their policy in Egypt, the liberal member for Brighton, made a violent attack against the government, accusing it of vacillation and inconsistency. He declared that the government had lost the confidence of the country and of the liberal party. The truth of this he would test by voting for Sir Stafford Northcote's motion, and then resigning his seat in the house and offering himself for re-election. Mr. Marriott's speech was received with loud cheers by the opposition. The debate was adjourned.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, under foreign secretary, announced that England had addressed a note to the French government relative to the bombardment of the ports of Madagascar by the French.

In the house of lords to-day, in reply to a question by the Marquis of Salisbury, Earl Granville, foreign secretary, stated that Gen. Gordon's proclamation allowing the restoration of the slave trade in the Sudan was not carried out, and that Gen. Gordon was in the news papers. Gen. Gordon would make no arrangement which would operate in the interest of the slave trade.

The Irish parliamentary party held a meeting this evening for the purpose of deciding how to vote in tomorrow's division in the house of commons on the motion concerning the government's policy. Mr. Parnell was absent. There was some disagreement in regard to the course to be pursued by the party. Mr. Sexton moved a resolution that the government, which was carried, The minority will abstain from voting. The defection of the Irish vote has increased the discontent and disruption of the liberal party, and will, it is estimated, reduce the government majority to 30.

The Marquis of Hartington, secretary for war, stated in the house of commons this evening that the government had received no news of the fall of Tokar. He also stated that the British government had been ordered from Chatham to Suakin.

Sixty Irish members of parliament, of all shades of politics, have signed a memorial to Mr. Gladstone asking that the purchase clause of the land act be amended so as to enable the Irish government to advance the whole of the purchase money to tenants and extend the period for the repayment of the money.

THE SITUATION IN EGYPT.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Cairo contradicts the report that the military council had decided to disband the Egyptian army. The council decided to reconstruct the army, and to dismiss the officers and recruiting the brigade from Turke, Circassians, and Albanians.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Times this morning, in discussing Gen. Gordon's Khartoum proclamation of yesterday, says: "Gen. Gordon is well aware that secret are to-day. The lower Egypt to discourage domestic slavery. He knows that England's guarantee of the Red sea ports cuts off the means of exit by which slaves have been disposed of to other countries, while he believes that his own work in the country will eventually check the inflow of slaves." In view of these facts, the clause in Gen. Gordon's proclamation removing all restrictions upon the slave trade assumes a character of little practical significance.

SIXTEEN, Feb. 18.—The enemy were quiet during the night. The commander at Tokar has written that he has supplies sufficient to last till the end of the month. He asks, however, for arms and ammunition. The harbor at Suakin is closed to all vessels but the British ordered there. Admiral Hewitt has directed the transports to seek anchorage at Ras Magda, forty-five miles southeast.

Three hundred and twenty men of the 10th Hussars, 338 of the Irish fusiliers, and six artillery arrived at Suakin. The troops were repeatedly cheered by the people, who formerly commanded their regiment.

CAIRO, Feb. 18.—Letters from El Obeid bring the intelligence that El Mahdi has delayed the circumcision of his son until it can be performed at Khartoum. The British government has surrounded himself with a life guard. Visitors are permitted to approach him only on four, and even then must remain at a considerable distance from his sacred person. The Chinese missionaries, complaining that two priests and one lay brother are in a most deplorable position. Another priest and lay brother have become Mussulmans. They receive a monthly stipend and dwell apart from the body of Lieut. Com. De Long and the balance of the Jeanette party.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Gen. Lord Wolsey has ordered that the expedition to Tokar be finished in three weeks, within which time the troops are to return to Cairo.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The French government has called the attention of the English cabinet to the danger of an uprising and massacre at Cairo if the English garrison is weakened.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The latest advices report that the rebellion against the Turks in Yemen, the southern division of Arabia, is spreading.

JEDDAH, Feb. 18.—The natives are displaying great uneasiness, as they are apprehensive that the British contemplate the total suppression of the slave trade. The fanaticism of the Mussulmans is increasing in intensity. The Bedouins, however, continue quiet.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Khartoum says: On Gen. Gordon's arrival here thousands crowded to kiss his hands and

feet, calling him "Sultan of the Sudan." Addressing the people, Gen. Gordon said: "I come without soldiers, but with God on my side to redress evil. I will not fight with any weapons, but will make out justice. There shall be no more Bashabouks." The populace says that Gen. Gordon is giving them more than El Mahdi could give. Gen. Gordon is sending copies of his proclamation in all directions.

The second brigade, composed of Egyptians under English officers, will retain its present organization, and will go to Assuan as soon as the transport service, now depleted by the Suakin expedition, can be strengthened.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—A notice has been issued warning workmen against any agency which invites unemployed persons to enlist in the colonial army, denouncing it as an anarchist scheme.

An inquiry was given here to-night by the English chamber of commerce, M. Rouvier, member of the chamber of deputies, in a speech, hoped that the channel tunnel would become a fact, and trusted that the negotiations for a treaty of commerce between England and France would be resumed.

M. de Lesseps said the Suez canal was neither English nor French, but belonged to all nations. M. Heaumont dwelt upon the great influence of chambers of commerce.

Deputy Ribot said that when the Englishmen were fighting for civilization in remote regions, Frenchmen were unable to harbor jealousy. When Frenchmen were coping with barbarism in distant seas, Englishmen could only approve.

A sudden increase of activity is manifest by the ministry of marine. Vice Admiral Jaurès, the commander of the French fleet in the Mediterranean, has been summoned to Paris for consultation and two more ironclads have been sent to re-enforce his fleet.

SOUTH AMERICA.

LIMA (via GALVESTON), Feb. 18.—The Tribune accuses Piérola of returning with the object of creating a revolution and regaining supreme power.

It is reported that the forces under Cáceres have been dispersed, and that he has asked the government to permit him to return to Lima.

The United States steamer Lackawanna has left Chimbote for Salaverry.

BRANDER MATTHEW'S NEW COMEDY.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Brander Matthew's new comedy, "Marjory's Lovers," was produced at the Court theater to-night. A fashionable audience filled about three-fourths of the theater. The play met with moderate success. The plot turns on the conspiracy of a professional gambler, who loves Marjory, to ruin her accepted lover by branding him as a cheat at cards. The characters are admirably drawn, and there is no special portraiture of conception. A caricature portrait of an American parvenue, personated by Mrs. John Wood, hit the fancy of the audience most. The dialogue is always bright and sometimes sparkling. The best scenes are the evening, 3 o'clock call for the author met with no response. The play is splendidly mounted, and will probably run for a number of weeks.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

The governor of Turkistan is on his way to St. Petersburg to report the occupation of Merv.

Many Christians have been massacred in Annam since the beginning of January. The Annamite minister of war is implicated. A Chinese viceroy, prior to the capture of Sontag, ordered the Black Flags to murder every Christian found in the city.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—W. Clemenceau was entertained at dinner by W. Waddington, the British ambassador in Paris, at the Hotel Chamberlain, president of the board of trade, and Sir Charles Dilke, president of the local government board, were also guests.

VIRGINIA POLITICS.

The Bourbon Legislature Will Fail to Get Its Outrageous Gerrymander Through—Barbour on Deck.

RICHMOND, Feb. 18.—The general assembly to-day passed four bills over the veto of the governor, taking from the executive the power to appoint officers for the board of public works.

The senate declared in favor of seating M. P. Roe, senator from Portsmouth.

A resolution was offered in the senate requesting the Virginia members of congress to inquire as to the expediency of setting apart a territory for disabled negroes, who may desire to try their hand at self government. This is for buncombe.

Another resolution was sent to a committee asking as to the constitutionality of the appointment of colored trustees for colored schools.

The governor to-day vetoed the reapportionment bill. This cannot probably be passed over his veto, as Wickham opposed it. A bourbon said to-day that Wickham's plan would probably be rejected.

John S. Barbour is here to-night and is said to be giving orders to his men, Abraham Fulkerson and John W. Daniel are also on hand.

Hubbard, of Buckingham, turned out of the house last night back to the house by a majority of 1,385 over a bourbon and straight-out.

The state central committee of the republican and the readjuster parties are in perfect harmony and have ordered a state convention for April 22.

Post Going to Pieces.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Feb. 18.—The Long Island coast between Amagansett and Montauk point is strewn to-day with wreckage of the steamer City of Columbus, which was wrecked off Gay Head. Patrolmen of the life-saving station at Napeague beach brought ashore a broken chest, one marked John Lucas, Boston and Savannah, via City of Columbus. Ship timbers and a companion way, a number of wheelbarrows, also, were washed ashore. A close watch is kept for wreckage. No doubt the wreck is fast going to pieces.

Six Children Burned.

CHICKETT, TEX., Feb. 18.—Rubeber Hart and wife, colored, went to church last night and left six children home asleep. Hart locked the door and took the key with him. At 1 o'clock the house was discovered afire, and burned so quickly that it was impossible to save it or the children, every one of whom was roasted to death. The eldest was 12 years old.

Killed for Frightening a Man's Wife.

AGUSTA, GA., Feb. 18.—J. D. W. Burch, who was shot through the head by John White in this county a few days ago, is dead. White is said to have entered White's house and frightened the latter's wife. White entered, seized a gun, and shot Burch down. The coroner's jury to-day rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

A Murderer Escapes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 18.—Police Officer Edward Ryan, who shot and killed Kittle Conlon, his paramour, in a house of ill fame on Oct. 5, 1883, has been acquitted for want of evidence, the dying declaration of the girl having been ruled out.

The Baltimore Deadlock.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—The deadlock in the city council continues, the republican and fusion members remaining away.

FIGHTING FOR A FORTUNE.

A Young Baltimore Man Sues His Father for \$300,000—End of the "Begger Student" Litigation.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—The celebrated injunction case of Manager McCall, of the Casino, New York, against the Messrs. Charles E. and John T. Ford, of Baltimore, was decided by Judge Fisher in the city circuit court to-day in favor of the McCall, restraining the defendants from producing the opera of "The Beggar Student."—The injunction being granted as prayed. The fight has been a long and bitter one. The case was argued by William T. and J. Swan Erick, of Baltimore, and Judge Dittenhofer, of New York, for the complainant, and Thomas W. Will and Alfred J. Carr, for the defendants. The opinion was an elaborate one. After reviewing the facts in the case Judge Fisher says:

"Even if the libretto had been original it is an interesting question whether Mr. Ford could have produced the whole as Millock's 'Begger Student.' In the case of tangible property a party is entitled to the use of his name, and his name appropriated and rendered valuable by his skill, whether he has applied it to real or personal property. There is no reason why this principle should not be extended to literary, musical, and mixed compositions. There is no right to the more name disconnected from the work. The music and songs are open to any use, either alone or in connection with fresh matter. The opera consists of three parts. The music, words, and songs, but he must announce his production in some other way than as Millock's opera of 'The Beggar Student.'"

The court decided any interest in the controversy, and his disclaimer was not denied.

In the same court to-day proceedings were commenced in the suit of Emanuel H. Williams against his father, George Williams, ex-president of the Maryland senate, to recover \$300,000. Some exceedingly interesting developments are expected during the trial. At the time the suit was docketed it created a social sensation. George Williams was one of the friends of the late John S. Gittings, the millionaire banker, by whose will he inherited a large fortune worth \$300,000 or more.

Young Williams became, it is said, dissipated in his habits, and engaged himself to a young lady to whom his parents were opposed. Every effort was made to prevent the marriage, and young Williams charges that he was induced, while under the influence of liquor, to sign a paper transferring all his property to his father. He claims that he was in consideration of his receiving an annuity of \$2,000, which he has since received. He was also, as alleged, carried to Europe and detained there for some time against his will. Upon his return he married a young lady, and lived happily with her, but, with her, the young lady is of irreproachable character, but does not move in the Williams' social "set," hence the objection to the union. Father and son have not spoken for nearly two years, though frequently meeting each other in public places. Able counsel are employed on both sides of the case.

AN AWFUL CONSPIRACY.

Philadelphia Democrats All Turn Up Over a Startling Discovery.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—A supposed fraudulent attempt to affect the result of tomorrow's municipal election was discovered here to-night. Thousands of circulars purporting to come from the democratic city committee, but in reality from other persons, were received by voters throughout the city to-day. The circulars warn voters who were furnished with tax receipts by the democratic division committee, not to attempt to vote on such receipts, but to make the city committee neglected to pay the tax receiver for them. It says that all who attempt to vote on the receipts will be arrested, and the voter is requested to return the tax receipt to the city committee by mail at once. The democratic politicians were greatly incensed at the effort to thus reduce their vote, and the leaders, after consultation, at once engaged several leading lawyers to arrest and prosecute the offenders for forgery, and to bring in the secretary of the city committee having been unlawfully made. Warrants have been issued and arrests of suspected persons will be made during the night, when important developments are expected. The disclosures have caused great excitement in political circles to-night. Upon information received by the lawyers engaged by the democrats, they directed that warrants be issued for the arrest of Real Estate Assessor Joseph L. Noble, William B. Abner, of the republican city executive committee, and Charles J. Vokes, an Englishman, United States senator, who is a resident of this city. The charge against them is conspiring to perpetrate the alleged fraud.

The Loans of the Hub.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—The city of Boston public park and water 4 per cent. loan, amounting to \$500,000, to run for thirty years, has been awarded to the Provident institution for savings at 100-3-100 per cent. The \$500,000 4 per cent. loan for twenty years, on account of improved sewerage, has been awarded to the same institution at 107-2-100 per cent.

Tampering With the Mails.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 18.—American Rogers was given a hearing to-day before United States Commissioner Morgan on the charge of tampering with the mails while acting as clerk in the postoffice at Hamilton, Monmouth county, and was held in \$5,000 bail for trial at the United States district court at Trenton. In default of bail he was committed to prison.

"The Beggar Student" Enjoined.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—Judge Fisher in the city circuit court to-day filed his opinion in the case of McCall vs. John T. and Charles E. Ford, to restrain the latter from producing the opera of "The Beggar Student." The opinion states that Mr. Ford cannot make a libretto in imitation of Zelli, and an injunction will issue upon proper application.

Tickets for the Carnival.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—Excursion tickets to New Orleans from Baltimore and all points south are now being issued, thus enabling the carnival visitors to come early enough to participate in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Lee statue, which takes place Feb. 22.

A Fugitive Murderer.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Feb. 18.—All efforts to recapture Rugg, the negro murderer, are so far fruitless. The sheriff is still scouring the country, but no trace of the fugitive can be found. Rugg is supposed to be hiding in the woods.

Eloped with a 15-Year-Old Girl.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 18.—James Crow, a carpenter, 25 years old, eloped this afternoon with Jennie Williams, aged 15. Both have been married to each other, and the marriage is much excited. Their whereabouts are unknown.

Iron Workers' Strike.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 18.—The strike of iron workers at the Birmingham rolling mills has been declared at an end, and the mills have thus been opened to any one who can get employment in them.